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PRESIDENT CARTER

- 1. I HAVE JUST SEEN AN UNOFFICIAL TEXT OF A PRESS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT MENDEZ HELD THIS AFTERNOON (SEPT. 14) DEALING EXTENSIVELY WITH THE BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER LAST FRIDAY. THE TEXT I HAVE PRESENTS A DISTORTED PICTURE OF THE BILATERAL DISCUSSION AND MISREPRESENTS PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSITION ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM IN URUGUAY.
- 2. I CALLED SUBSECRETARY OF FONOFF DELFANTE, WHO ACCOMPANIED MENDEZ AT BILATERAL AND ALSO WAS PRESENT AT PRESS CONFERENCE, TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN IF TEXT I HAD SEEN OF PRESS CONFERENCE WAS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT. HE WAS TAKEN ABACK AND ASSURED ME THAT ANY DISTORTION OR MISSTATEMENT WAS UNINTENTIONAL. I AGREED TO MEET WITH HIM EARLY TOMORROW MORNIING TO REVIEW OFFICIAL TEXT. FOLLOWING THAT SESSION I WILL FORWARD AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT AND SUGGESTED PRESS GUIDANCE.
- 3. IN THE INTERIM, IF QUERIED IN WASHINGTON BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESS, I WOULD SUGGEST DEPARTMENT OR WHITE HOUSE SPOKES-MAN MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THE THINGS PRESIDENT CARTER SAID IN THEIR BI-LATERAL MEETING MAY HAVE BEEN MISREPRESENTED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY PRESIDENT MENDEZ IN URUGUAY YESTER-DAY. B) WE ARE AWAITING THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMENT. C) ONCE WE HAVE

STUDIED THE FULL TEXT OF THE MENDEZ PRESS CONFERENCE, WE WILL POST ANY CLARIFICATION WE FEEL ARE NECESSARY TO CLEAR THE RECORD. PEZZULLO

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